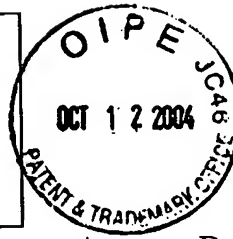


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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO**  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant request the Examiner to make of record the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Copies of the listed documents that are not U.S. patent documents are also enclosed. In accordance with MPEP 609, the Examiner is requested to initial each document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form in the space provided, make a copy of the initialed form, and return the copy to Applicants' attorney.

The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form came to Applicant's attorney's attention as a result of an International Search Report (copy enclosed) for the PCT patent application corresponding to the above application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no closer art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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This paper and the enclosed documents are being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), i.e., prior to a first Office Action on the merits. Moreover, this paper and the enclosed documents are being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1). Applicant states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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